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Filled-in area into raster data based on a given data pattern after the analysis, and, based on the raster data, ejects ink droplets while moving a recording head over a recording medium with a plurality of ink ejection nozzles arranged thereon, said method comprising the steps of:

before converting to the raster data, checking by said interpreter whether the data pattern indicates solid-drawing in each of the thick line or the filled-in area for which the drawing is indicated; and

if the data pattern specified to a particular thick line or filled-in area indicates solid-drawing, changing the data pattern for that particular thick line or filled-in area to a lower-density pattern, thereby preventing an ink splash during printing.

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4. (Amended) The ink jet recording method according to claim 1 wherein if a thickness of a given thick line is smaller than a predetermined thickness no change is the data pattern for the given thick line even if the data pattern indicates solid-drawing.

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7. (Amended) An ink jet recording device comprising:
an interpreter for analyzing a command and data which indicate a drawing of a thick line or a filled-in area;

means for converting vector data of the thick line or the filled-in area into raster data based on a given data pattern after the analysis by the interpreter; and